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CROP PROSPECTS.

WINTER SOWINGS FOR 1924.

The area of winter wheat sown for the crop of 1924, in countries for which reports have been received to date outside of Russia is 6.5 per cent less than for the crop of 1923. The area of winter wheat in countries reporting amounted to about 60 per cent of the total area of winter seedings for 1923 and about 32 per cent of the total area of all wheat outside of Russia. The largest decrease is in the United States, which, together with small decreases in Canada, Spain, and Bulgaria more than offsets increases reported in Poland, Rumania, Algeria, Belgium and Czechoslovakia. The latest report for Russia as a whole shows a small increase in seedings of wheat and rye over last year, notwithstanding a decrease in the area seeded in the Ukraine.

The total area seeded for winter rye reported to date indicates a small increase over last year, a decrease of 15 per cent in the United States being more than offset by increases in Poland, Rumania, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Spain.

The estimated winter wheat acreage in Spain is 10,158,000 acres compared with 10,174,000 acres reported at the same time last year. The Spanish wheat crop is sown largely in the fall and includes little spring wheat. The final estimated acreage for last year including the spring wheat was 10,488,000 acres.

Spanish rye acreage is reported at 1,872,000 acres compared with 1,701,000 acres at about the same time last year. Barley and oats are sown in Spain during the winter months. Reports indicate that there is little change in the barley acreage from that of last year, but some decrease is expected for oats.

In Poland the winter wheat acreage is now estimated at 2,572,000 acres compared with 2,362,000 acres at about the same date last year. The rye acreage is 12,160,000 acres compared with 11,476,000 acres last year. This is an increase of 8 per cent for wheat and 5 per cent for rye.

Foreign Crops and Markets.

WHEAT

The wheat crop in Chile is now estimated at 25,000,000 bushels compared with 23,815,000 bushels last year. Consul Diechman at Valparaiso reports under date of December 29 that a considerable portion of the old crop is still held in elevators in the southern part of Chile. He indicated that the new crop plus the carry-over would exceed the food requirements and that there would be a considerable surplus available for export.

WINTER CEREALS SOWN IN 1922-23 AND 1923-24 FOR THE CROPS OF
1923-24 AND 1924-25.

Country.	Area.		Decrease	Increase
	1922-23.	1923-24.	from 1922-23.	over 1922-23.
<u>WINTER WHEAT</u>	1,000 Acres.	1,000 Acres.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
United States.....	45,950	40,191	12.5	-
Canada.....	948	767	19.1	-
Czechoslovakia.....	1,286	1,362	-	5.9
Belgium.....	328	343	-	4.6
Algeria.....	1,903	2,298	-	20.8
Bulgaria.....	2,145	1,989	7.2	-
Rumania.....	4,488	5,365	-	19.5
Spain.....	10,174	10,158	.1	-
Poland.....	2,362	2,572	-	8.9
Total 9 Countries Reporting.....	69,594	65,045	6.5	-
<u>WINTER RYE</u>				
United States.....	5,157	4,377	15.1	-
Czechoslovakia.....	2,054	2,110	-	2.7
Belgium.....	475	563	-	18.5
Bulgaria.....	401	351	9.4	-
Rumania.....	456	484	-	6.1
Spain.....	1,701	1,872	-	10.0
Poland.....	11,476	12,160	-	5.9
Total 7 Countries Reporting.....	21,720	21,917	-	.9

THE FLAXSEED SITUATION

The estimated production of flaxseed in 14 countries not including Russia, 1923-24, is 112,563,000 bushels compared with 80,260,000 bushels for the same countries last year. The total production of 28 countries reporting for last year amounted to about 94,000,000 bushels. The 14 countries, which reported last year but have not reported this year, produced about 14,000,000 bushels; therefore, if the production in these countries not yet reported equal last year, the world total will approximate 126,000,000 bushels of flaxseed. This is the largest crop harvested since the war and is greater than the pre-war average, which amounted to about 111,000,000 bushels.

A large increase in the production of flaxseed in Argentina accounts for the large increase in the total world production. The area sown to flaxseed in Argentina has increased from a pre-war average of 4,000,000 acres to 5,225,000 acres for the 1923-24 crop. The latest estimate of production for the present crop is 63,225,000 bushels, compared with 44,000,000 bushels last year and 31,000,000 bushels, the pre-war average. The increase in production in Argentina is due to an unusually high yield as well as to some increase in acreage. The pre-war average yield per acre of flaxseed in Argentina was about 8 bushels. The estimate for this year is 12 bushels.

Argentina now supplies between 65 and 80 per cent of the flaxseed entering into the world trade, with British India ranking second as a source of supply. Exports to all countries from Argentina in 1922 amounted to 36,000,000 bushels, as compared with an average of 26,000,000 bushels in the pre-war years. The United Kingdom and the United States are the heaviest importers.

The average December price of flaxseed at Minneapolis was \$2.46 which is only 135 per cent of the average for December pre-war prices, whereas the wholesale price of all commodities is now 151 per cent of the pre-war level. The price of flaxseed rose to a high point during the war period and fell to an average of \$1.58 in April, 1921. Prices rose to high points again in the latter part of 1922 and the early part of 1923, reaching \$3.40 in April, 1923. Since April prices have been lower, falling to \$2.34 in August.

THE ARGENTINE CATTLE SITUATION IN 1923.

The extreme depression in the market for beef cattle in Argentina which began in 1921 continued through 1923. The average price of chilled beef steers in Buenos Aires for 1923, calculated on the basis of live weight in United States currency, was \$3.60 per 100 lbs., as compared with \$3.94 in 1922. The average price for the best grade of beef steers in the five years 1909-1913 in a period of low land values and generally low production costs was \$3.99. The average price in the seven years 1914 - 1920 was \$6.79, with a maximum of \$9.63 in September, 1919.

The year 1923 opened with cattle prices lower than at any time since May, 1909, but there was a material strengthening of the market in March and April. During the summer prices fell again, but were better in September, and in October reached the high point for the year, \$4.20 per 100 lbs. At this time a law was passed by Congress fixing the minimum price for this grade of cattle at about \$5.10 per 100 lbs. When the law went into effect the packers immediately stopped buying. The deadlock continued for three weeks and ended with a proclamation by the President, suspending the operation of the law. Purchases were then resumed, but at a much lower price than prevailed a month before. In December, prices were still lower; the average for the month being \$3.23 per 100 lbs.

The average price of Argentine chilled beef hindquarters for 1923 on the Smithfield market in London was \$12.96 per 100 lbs., as compared with \$13.25 in 1922 and a 1909-1913 average price of \$9.70. Thus, while the index number of chilled beef prices in London stood at 134 in 1923, the index number of beef cattle at Buenos Aires, computed on the same base years stood at 90.

The following table of index numbers, based on average prices for the five years 1909-1913, will show the relation between prices of cattle and beef in Argentina, Great Britain, and the United States:

INDEX NUMBERS OF CATTLE AND BEEF PRICES.

	: 1909-1913 :	: 1914-1920 :	: 1921 :	: 1922 :	: 1923 :
Cattle prices, Buenos Aires,	:	:	:	:	:
in Paper Pesos.....	100	169	160	116	111
Cattle prices, Buenos Aires,	:	:	:	:	:
in U. S. currency.....	100	170	122	98	90
Chilled beef prices, London,	:	:	:	:	:
in U. S. currency.....	100	210	174	136	134
Cattle prices, Chicago.....	100	166	114	124	135
Beef prices, New York.....	100	163	144	139	149

EXPORTS OF GRAINS AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM THE PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, IMPORTS OF WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR INTO THE UNITED STATES, AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN TRANSIT, JULY 1 TO FEBRUARY 9, 1922-1923 AND 1923-24 AND JANUARY 12 TO FEBRUARY 9, 1924.

Commodity:	Unit:	July 1	July 1	1924		
		1922 to	1923 to	Week	Week	Week
		Feb. 10	Feb. 9	ending	ending	ending
		1923	1924	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9
			Prelim.	Prelim.	Prelim.	Prelim.
Exports from the U.S.:		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Barley.....	Bu.:	14,641	8,051	141	198	--
Corn.....	"	67,929	9,830	750	337	597
Oats.....	"	16,537	1,026	1	0	13
Rye.....	"	34,820	9,540	0	5	--
Wheat.....	"	121,435	62,488	580	a/ 527	889
Wheat flour.....	Bbls: b/	9,118	c/ 9,384			
Wheat, including flour...	Bu.:	162,531	104,716			
In transit shipments from						
Canada:						
Wheat.....	Bu.:	67,258	77,079	2,777	2,343	2,001
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	1,437	2,107			
d/ Exports from Canada:		July to December				
Wheat.....	Bu.:	163,885	130,029			
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	5,307	5,791			
Wheat, including flour...	Bu.:	187,767	206,089			
Exports from Argentina:						
Wheat, including flour	Bu.:	48,322	42,037			
Corn.....	"	56,688	65,023			
Exports from British India:						
Wheat, including flour...	"	5,142	11,285			
Exports from Australia:						
Wheat, including flour...	"	12,376	22,959			
Imports into the U.S.:						
Wheat.....	"	13,326	14,815			
Wheat flour.....	Bbls:	271	109			
Wheat, including flour...	Bu.:	14,544	15,307			

a/ Including via Pacific ports last week: Wheat 383,000 bu; flour 199,100 bbls.

b/ July 1, 1922 to January 31, 1923.

c/ From July 1 to December 31, not reported weekly from Atlantic Coast ports.

d/ Includes "In transit shipments from Canada."

Compiled from Monthly Summaries of Foreign Commerce of the United States and other Preliminary Reports of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Monthly Reports of the Trade of Canada, Estadística Agro-Pecuaría, International Crop Report & Agricultural Statistics, Oct. and Nov., 1923, and Broomhall's Corn Trade News.

FLAX, AREA IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923.

Country	Area				
	Average 1909-1913	1920	1921	1922	1923
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE					
<u>North America</u>					
Canada.....	1,035,000	1,428,164	533,147	565,479	629,938
United States.....	2,489,800	1,757,000	1,108,000	1,113,000	2,061,000
<u>Europe</u>					
United Kingdom:					
England and Wales...	480	22,300	7,800	9,360	9,446
Ireland.....	53,000	127,198	39,845	34,032	.....
Sweden.....	3,841	6,726	6,726	5,600	.....
Netherlands.....	33,000	60,179	21,510	23,954	24,300
Belgium.....	48,930	125,344	37,164	40,700	45,200
France..... ^a	61,540	86,048	43,163	45,429	.....
Spain..... ^b	7,349	2,978	4,097	4,200	4,200
Italy..... ^c	41,513	49,914	52,632	52,385	49,400
Germany..... ^{a d}	41,266	139,458	117,795	114,580	.....
Austria..... ^a	96,525	7,554	8,357	9,200	.....
Czechoslovakia.....	.....	54,406	58,409	56,151	55,059
Hungary..... ^a	24,657	8,967	10,366	6,600	4,700
Yugoslavia.....	.....	34,886	35,661	34,100	.....
Serbia, Croatia-Slav-					
onia and Bosnia-Her-					
zegovina..... ^a	21,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bulgaria..... ^a	720	1,290	638	1,700	1,300
Rumania..... ^a	52,266	24,582	27,225	26,800	30,500
Poland..... ^e		120,825	175,095	251,500	255,600
Lithuania.....	.....	166,076	126,800	126,500	128,700
Latvia.....	.....	75,363	84,335	93,300	139,500
Esthonia.....	.....	50,048	50,342	59,200	59,200
Finland..... ^d	12,236	15,985	16,828	13,600	10,600
Russia, including					
Ukraine and Northern:					
Caucasia..... ^{a e}	3,409,345	1,538,000	1,775,000	1,862,000	.....
<u>Africa</u>					
Morocco(French Western):	.....	96,147	43,663	31,700	39,500
Algeria.....	1,366	988	741	700	800
Tunis.....	.....	8,317	9,180	3,800	7,400
Egypt.....	.....	5,765	1,384	1,400	1,700
Kenya.....	.....	26,474	14,586	.....	.....

FLAX, AREA IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923, CONT'D.

Country	Area				
	Average				
	1909-1913	1920	1921	1922	1923
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
<u>Asia</u>					
India	3,318,080:	3,103,000:	2,269,000:	3,011,000:	3,353,000
Russia, Asiatic	<u>a</u> 376,000:	213,000:	.....	298,000:	.....
Japan	12,139:	103,201:	76,428:	39,100:	.....
	Average				
	1909-10 to	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
	1913-14				
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Chile	3,149:	897:	500:	800:	.....
Uruguay	126,528:	78,867:	60,935:	84,500:	102,500
Argentina	4,004,058:	4,769,030:	3,891,825:	4,194,028:	5,254,695
Australia	<u>b</u> 1,056:	1,072:	954:	.....	.....
New Zealand	<u>d</u> 2,565:	9,662:	5,381:	10,600:	.....
World totals comparable:					
with 1909-13	15,777,409:	14,183,008:	.....	.....	.....
World totals comparable:					
with 1923 .....	.....	12,025,535:	8,591,116:	9,771,557:	12,273,238

Sources: Official and International Institute of Agriculture, unless otherwise stated.

a Prewar boundaries.

b Two years.

c Three year average.

d One year.

e Prewar Poland included in Russia, Austria, and Germany.

f From an unofficial source.

Flax in Canada, United States, Argentina, and India is grown chiefly for seed and the production of fiber is of minor importance. When grown for seed, the fiber is not of the best quality due to the thick stand of the crop, and to the fact that the seed must ripen before cutting. In most European countries, there is considerable overlapping in the acreage. Both seed and fiber are oftentimes harvested from the same acreage. Consequently, it is not possible to determine the acreage devoted to fiber flax and that to flaxseed.

FLAXSEED, PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923.

Country	Seed			
	Average	1921	1922	1923
	1909-13			
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE				
<u>North America</u>				
Canada	12,040	4,112	5,009	6,942
United States	19,543	8,029	10,375	17,429
<u>Europe</u>				
Sweden	a 14	17	11	.....
Netherlands	374	249	250	.....
Belgium	b 472	328	356	396
France	c 533	288	223	.....
Spain	b 26	46	51	51
Italy	329	515	413	433
Austria	c 694	45	48	.....
Czechoslovakia	...	300	312	427
Hungary	c 196	73	41	.....
Serbia, Croatia-Slavonia				
and Bosnia-Herzegovina	c 21			
Bulgaria	c 6	3	15	11
Rumania	c 467	128	194	.....
Poland	d	1,287	1,995	.....
Lithuania	...	909	1,108	1,026
Latvia	...	625	563	982
Estonia	...	275	528	304
Russia, including Ukraine				
and Nor. Caucasias.....	c d 21,358	...	7,866	.....
<u>Africa</u>				
Morocco (French)	...	418	267	.....
Algeria	13	11	6	10
Tunis	37	59	4	47
Kenya	...	35	33	.....
<u>Asia</u>				
India	19,870	10,800	17,440	21,280
Asiatic Russia	c 2,123	.....	1,532	.....
Japan	a 98	634	275	.....

FLAXSEED, PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923, CONTINUED.

Country	Seed			
	Average 1909-10 to 1913-14	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Chile	35	3	.....	.....
Uruguay	975	519	719	.....
Argentina	31,117	36,046	44,286	63,225
Australia	^a 9	10	.....	.....
New Zealand .....	.....	113	205	.....
World totals comparable with 1909-13	110,331	.....	.....	.....
World totals comparable with 1923 .....	.....	62,059	80,260	112,563

^a Four-year average.^b Three-year average.^c Pre-war boundaries.^d Pre-war Poland included in Russia, Austria, and Germany.^e Two years.

Sources: Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture unless otherwise stated.

FLAXSEED: AREA AND YIELD PER ACRE IN PRINCIPAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

Country	Acreage				Yields per acre			
	1909-13	1921	1922	1923	1909-13	1921	1922	1923
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
	acres	acres	acres	acres				
Canada	1,035	533	565	630	11.6	7.7	8.9	11.0
United States	2,489	1,103	1,113	2,061	7.9	7.2	9.3	8.5
Argentina ...	4,004	3,892	4,194	5,255	7.8	9.3	10.6	12.0
India	3,818	2,269	3,011	3,358	5.2	4.8	5.8	6.3

FLAX FIBER, PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923.

Country	Fiber			
	Average			
	1909-1913	1921	1922	1923
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE				
Europe				
United Kingdom:				
Ireland	23,701:	10,725 :	12,390 :	.....
Sweden	<u>a</u> 1,128:	1,512 :	1,098 :	.....
Netherlands	17,276:	10,853 :	9,691 :	.....
Belgium	<u>b</u> 51,888:	20,027 :	33,480 :	40,370
France	<u>c</u> 40,623:	23,333 :	30,185 :	.....
Spain	<u>b</u> 1,995:	1,157 :	1,420 :	1,170
Italy	6,289:	5,930 :	4,982 :	5,510
Austria	<u>c</u> 53,116:	6,739 :	7,130 :	.....
Czechoslovakia	:	28,693 :	27,731 :	30,078
Hungary	<u>c</u> 20,547:	7,618 :	5,190 :	.....
Yugoslavia	:	16,680 :	15,270 :	.....
Serbia, Croatia-Slavonia,				
and Bosnia-Herzegovina	<u>c</u> 10,564:	.....:	.....:	.....
Bulgaria	<u>a</u> <u>c</u> 447:	169 :	650 :	550
Rumania	<u>c</u> 4,864:	2,670 :	3,110 :	.....
Poland	<u>d</u>	92,614 :	113,770 :	.....
Lithuania	:	41,470 :	45,190 :	45,970
Latvia	:	30,675 :	37,560 :	54,180
Esthonia	:	15,906 :	20,750 :	19,800
Finland	:	3,436 :	3,527 :	.....
Russia, including Ukraine				
and Northern Caucasias	<u>d</u> 1,255,973:	:	429,995 :	.....
Africa				
Algeria	<u>e</u> 188:	.....:	.....:	.....
Kenya	...:	2,545 :	.....:	.....
Asia				
Asiatic Russia	<u>c</u> 127,613:	:	61,392 :	.....
Japan	5,174:	24,930 :	10,780 :	.....

FLAX FIBER, PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-1923, CONTINUED

Country	Fiber			
	Average.	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
	1909-10 to 1913-14			
	: 1,000 pounds	: 1,000 pounds	: 1,000 pounds	: 1,000 pounds
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE				
Chile	43	210	.....	.....
Australia ^e	128	49	.....	.....
World totals comparable with 1909-13	1,621,557	....	.....	.....
World totals comparable with 1923 .....	.....	144,027	171,763	197,628

^a Four-year average.^b Three-year average.^c Pre-war boundaries.^d Pre-war Poland included in Russia, Austria, and Germany.^e Two years.

Sources: Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture unless otherwise stated.

URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO BUY UP SURPLUS WHEAT..

A bill recently introduced in the Congress of Uruguay authorizes the Government to purchase surplus wheat for export at a rate equivalent to 96 cents per bushel, according to cabled information reaching the State Department from the U. S. Legation at Montevideo. The exportable surplus at the present time is estimated at $3\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels.

(1)
 FLAXSEED: MONTHLY AND YEARLY AVERAGE CLOSING PRICE PER BUSHEL, MINNEAPOLIS
 1899-1900 to 1923-24.

Year	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Yearly average
1909-10	\$1.41	\$1.57	\$1.75	\$1.93	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$2.25	\$2.38	\$2.22	\$2.04	\$2.34	\$2.47	\$2.06
1910-11	2.66	2.62	2.61	2.42	2.60	2.68	2.60	2.56	2.47	2.24	2.10	2.34	2.49
1911-12	2.47	2.35	2.04	2.06	2.15	2.06	2.06	2.15	2.23	2.25	1.97	1.86	2.14
1912-13	2.76	1.60	1.35	1.25	1.29	1.34	1.26	1.29	1.30	1.31	1.38	1.47	1.38
1913-14	1.45	1.38	1.35	1.44	1.49	1.53	1.58	1.54	1.56	1.59	1.68	1.64	1.52
Average													
1909-10 to													
1913-14	1.95	1.90	1.32	1.82	1.94	1.96	1.95	1.98	1.96	1.89	1.89	1.96	1.92
1914-15	1.51	1.33	1.45	1.54	1.83	1.86	1.91	1.93	1.95	1.76	1.67	1.57	1.70
1915-16	1.70	1.85	1.99	2.07	2.31	2.32	2.27	2.13	1.96	1.80	1.96	2.15	2.04
1916-17	2.11	2.54	2.78	2.84	2.89	2.81	2.90	3.18	3.33	3.11	3.01	3.46	2.91
1917-18	3.38	3.16	3.29	3.40	3.60	3.74	4.08	4.09	3.93	3.86	4.40	4.39	3.78
1918-19	4.09	3.59	3.77	3.54	3.41	3.45	3.75	3.88	4.12	4.86	5.94	5.87	4.19
1919-20	4.92	4.32	4.83	4.99	5.12	5.09	5.02	4.68	4.53	3.92	3.48	3.28	4.52
1920-21	3.23	2.83	2.27	2.06	1.96	1.82	1.78	1.58	1.84	1.86	1.89	2.01	2.09
Average													
1914-15 to													
1920-21	2.99	2.80	2.91	2.92	3.02	3.01	3.10	3.07	3.09	3.02	3.19	3.26	3.03
1921-22	2.03	1.81	1.81	1.89	2.13	2.46	2.57	2.70	2.80	2.50	2.59	2.29	2.19
1922-23	2.28	2.38	2.48	2.62	2.80	3.04	3.07	3.40	2.94	2.80	2.70	2.34	2.58
1923-24	2.38	2.48	2.41	2.46									

(1) Compiled from Annual Reports of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and the Minneapolis Daily Market Record.

Note:— From January 1, 1921 prices are weighted averages.

Flaxseed: International trade, calendar year, average 1911-1913,
1921 and 1922.

Country.	Average		(Preliminary)	
	1911-1913	1921	1922	
	Imports: Exports	Imports: Exports	Imports: Exports	
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES.	1,000 : 1,000	1,000 : 1,000	1,000 : 1,000	1,000 : 1,000
	Bushels: Bushels	Bushels: Bushels	Bushels: Bushels	Bushels: Bushels
Argentina.....	1: 25,562:	--: 53,549:	--: 36,453	
British India.....	a/ 323: a/ 14,409:	283: 4,264:	260: 12,404	
Canada.....	89: 10,345:	270: 3,728:	45: 2,073	
China.....	--: 643:	--: 184:	--: 1,331	
Latvia.....	--: ---: b/	47: b/	191: b/	74: b/ 499
Morocco (French).....	--: 333:	--: 590:	--: b/	225
Rumania.....	19: 120:	--: ---:	--: ---:	--
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- a/ Two-year average.
b/ International Institute of Agriculture.
c/ Less than 500 bushels.
d/ Eight months, May to December.
e/ One year only.

ARGENTINE BEEF EXPORTS.

Exports of frozen and chilled beef from River Plate ports amounted to 8,249,000 quarters in 1923, as compared with 5,811,000 quarters in 1922, according to the Times of Argentina for January 14, 1924. On the basis of an estimated average weight per quarter of 175 lbs., this is equivalent to 720,000 short tons, as compared with 507,000 tons in 1922. This marks a new high record for beef exports, even exceeding the exports of the war years. Of this amount, 409,000 tons were chilled beef and 312,000 tons frozen beef. Exports of chilled beef have increased remarkably in the past three years. Before the war practically nine-tenths of the River Plate beef was frozen and during the war chilled beef was practically eliminated from the trade on account of the uncertainties of transportation. In 1920, 56,000 tons of chilled beef were exported from Argentina alone. In 1922, Argentina exported 295,000 tons of chilled beef and 143,000 tons of frozen beef.

All of the chilled beef exports went to the United Kingdom, while of the exports of frozen beef 139,000 tons were consigned to the United Kingdom; 172,000 tons to the Continent of Europe, and less than 1,000 tons to other destinations, including about 400 tons to the United States.

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